

Sorcery, Witchcraft, Magic, & Soothsayers

Have we been seduced as a people?

SORCERY

1. *Magical power; the use of witchcraft or magic arts.*
2. *Black magic.*

WITCHCRAFT

1. *The practice of witches; magic, sorcery or the use of supernatural powers to influence or predict events.*
2. *Black magic; the use of witchcraft for evil means.*
3. *Something, such as **any advanced technology**, that **seems** almost magical.*
4. *An irresistible or seemingly magical influence.*

MAGIC

1. *The application of **rituals** (endowment?) or actions, especially those based on occult knowledge (Masonry?), to **subdue or manipulate natural or supernatural beings** and forces in order to have some benefit from them.*
2. *Something producing successful and **remarkable results**, especially when not fully understood; an enchanting quality; exceptional skill.*
3. *The art or practice of performing conjuring tricks and illusions to give the appearance of supernatural phenomena or powers.*

Is the Book Of Mormon telling us something for our day?

Mormon 1:19

*And it came to pass that there were **sorceries**, and **witchcrafts**, and **magics**; and the **power of the evil one** was wrought upon all the face of the land...*

Is witchcraft seemingly as serious as murder, etc.?

Mormon 2:10

*...no man could keep that which was his own, for the thieves, and the robbers, and the murderers, and the **magic art**, and the **witchcraft** which was in the land.*

Is witchcraft an open rebellion against the Lord and His word?

1 Samuel 15:23

*For rebellion is as the sin of **witchcraft**, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD... (Book Of Mormon over ridden by D&C/PoGP?)*

Is it easy to fall into witchcraft?

Galatians 5:20

*Idolatry, **witchcraft**, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies..*

This is Christ telling us the future as Gentiles.

3 Nephi 21:16

*And I will cut off **witchcrafts** out of thy land, and thou shalt have no more **soothsayers***

SOOTHSAYER

*1. One who **attempts** to predict the future, using magic, intuition or intelligence; a diviner.*

Surely Joseph Smith was a "Soothsayer"